

ABSTRACT

PLAYBACK OF APPLICATIONS WITH NON-LINEAR TIME

5 A data playback apparatus (14) and method for the operation of the same, for the handling of a recorded data stream and associated linear application, are provided. The apparatus includes a data stream playback stage (19) operable to perform linear real-time and non-linear playback of a stored data stream from storage (18). An application processing stage (16)
10 runs a linear application from a given start point on commencement of linear real-time playback of the data stream. To avoid problems where the application is unsuited to the non-linearity, the application processing stage (16) stops running of said application and, on recommencing of linear real-time playback, recommences running of the application from the given start point.

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(Figure 1)